

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shuichi FURUYA et al..
Title: NITROGEN-CONTAINING HETEROCYCLIC
COMPOUNDS, THEIR PRODUCTION AND USE
Prior Appl. No.: 09/711,139
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the claims and the specification.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, below the title of the invention, please insert ~~This is a divisional~~
application of U.S. Application No. 09/711,139, which is a divisional application of U.S.
Application No. 09/147,616, now U.S. Patent 6,194,149 B1, which was a §371 application of
PCT/JP98/05841, the entirety of each application being incorporated by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 23-29, 31-37 and 39, add new claims 40-44, and substitute for claims 1
and 30 the following amended claims. The changes made to the amended claims are explicitly
shown in the attached "Marked-Up Version of the Amended Claims."

1. (Once Amended) A compound of the formula (I)

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